

## PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT SPRING 2014 EVALUATION REPORT

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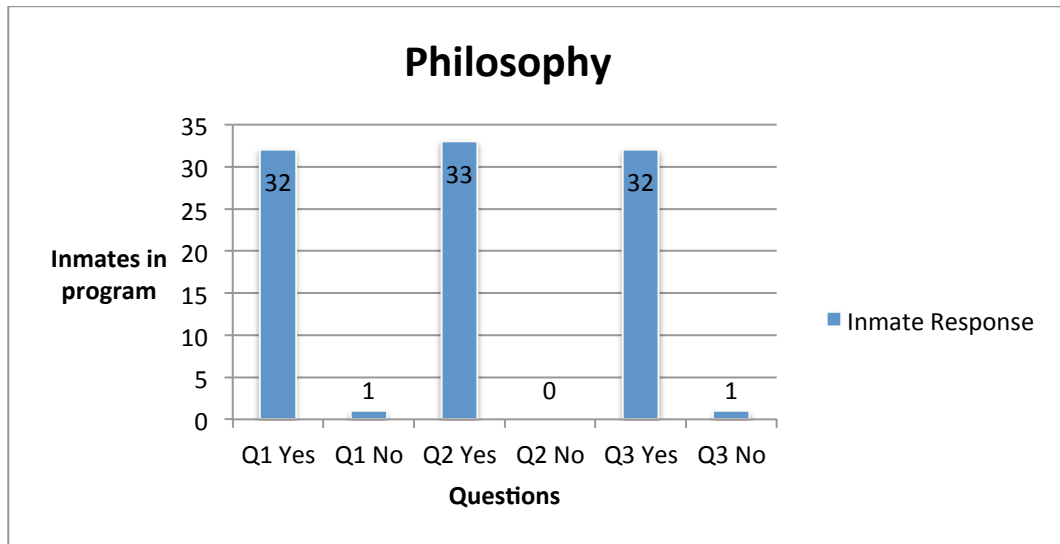
The following is a report that shows data collected for the following PEP modules: Philosophy, Art Class, GED tutoring, GED tutoring for Spanish speakers, Business 101, Documentary and Technology, Financial Literacy, History and Politics of Soccer, Pitzer College Faculty Forum, Academic Orientation, and Career Development. Each course has an independent bar graph and responses to three questions. The total number of inmates that participated in Spring 2014 PEP courses at the California Rehabilitation Center was 297.

## PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT: PHILOSOPHY COURSE--CRC

### Questions asked:

- 1) Did this course increase your interest in the subject matter?
- 2) Did this course inspire you to further your education?
- 3) Will you be able to use this information that you learned in this course when you are paroled?

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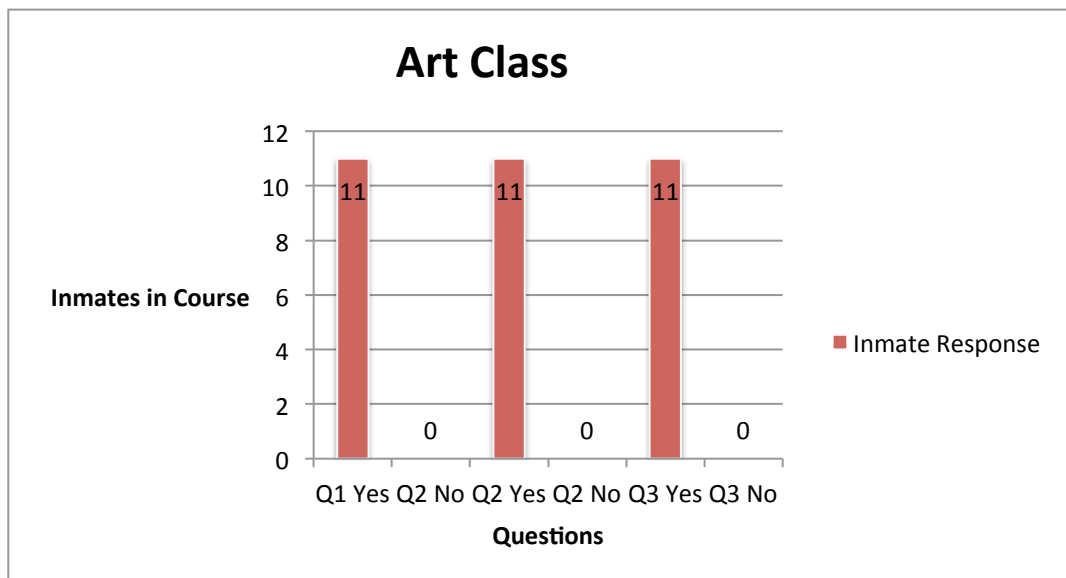


## PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT: ART CLASS--CRC

### Questions asked:

- 1) Did the Art Class help you increase your self-awareness?
- 2) Did the Art Class help you increase your self confidence and motivation?
- 3) Will you be able to use the information that you learned in this course when you are paroled?

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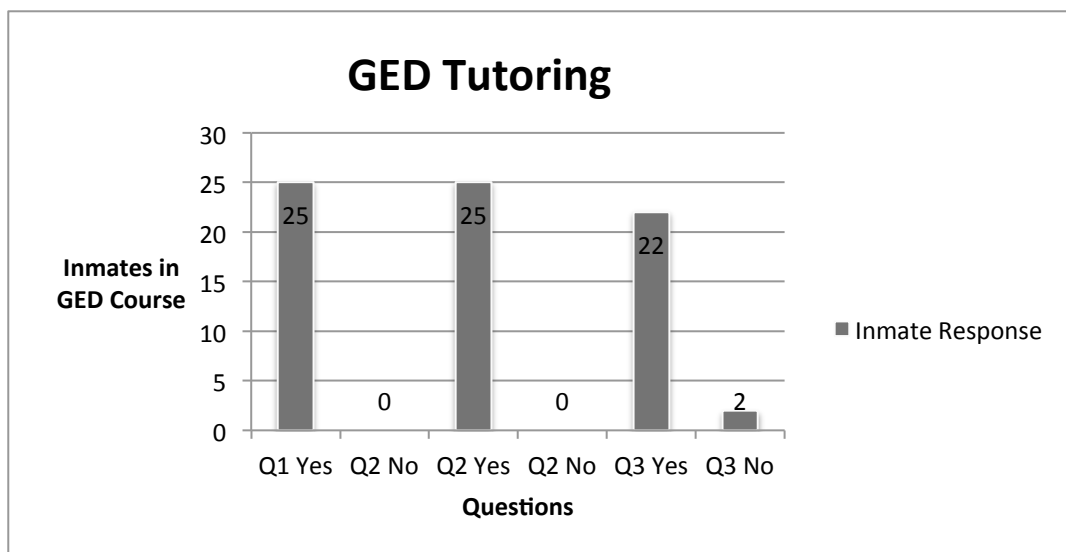


## PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT: GED TUTORING SESSIONS--CRC

### GED Questions asked:

- 1) Do you think the Pre-GED tutoring program will help you get your GED?
- 2) Has the Pre-GED tutoring program helped you improve your academic skills?
- 3) Has the Pre-GED tutoring program motivated you to enroll in college?

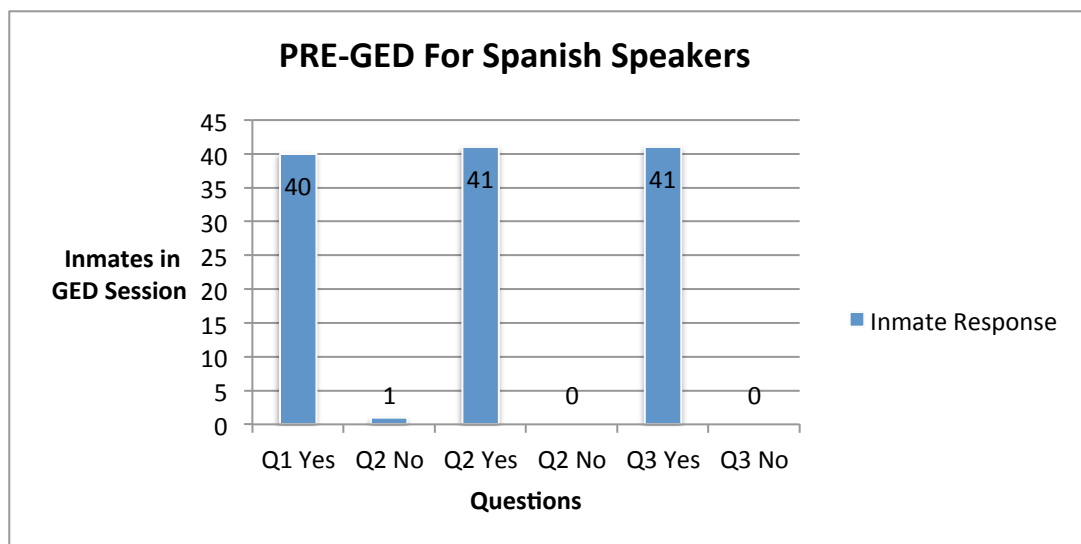
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### GED tutoring program for Spanish speakers questions asked:

- 1) Do you think the Pre-GED for Spanish speakers tutoring program will help you get your GED?
- 2) Has the Pre-GED for Spanish speakers tutoring program helped you improve your academic skills?
- 3) Has the Pre-GED for Spanish speakers tutoring program motivated you to enroll in college?

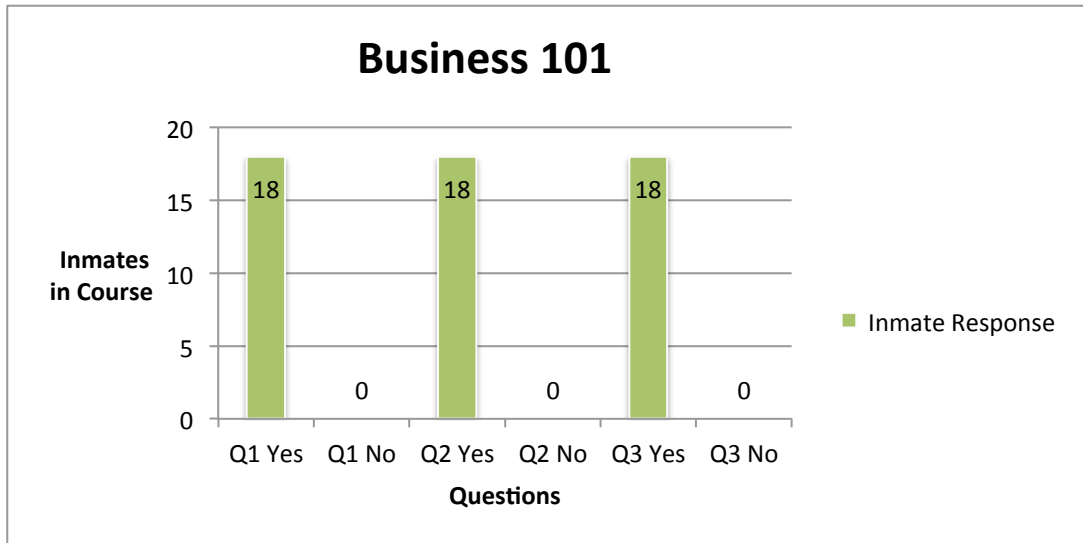
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## PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT: BUSINESS 101 COURSE--CRC

- 1) Did this course increase your interest in the subject matter?
- 2) Did this course inspire you to further your education?
- 3) Will you be able to use this information that you learned in this course when you are paroled?

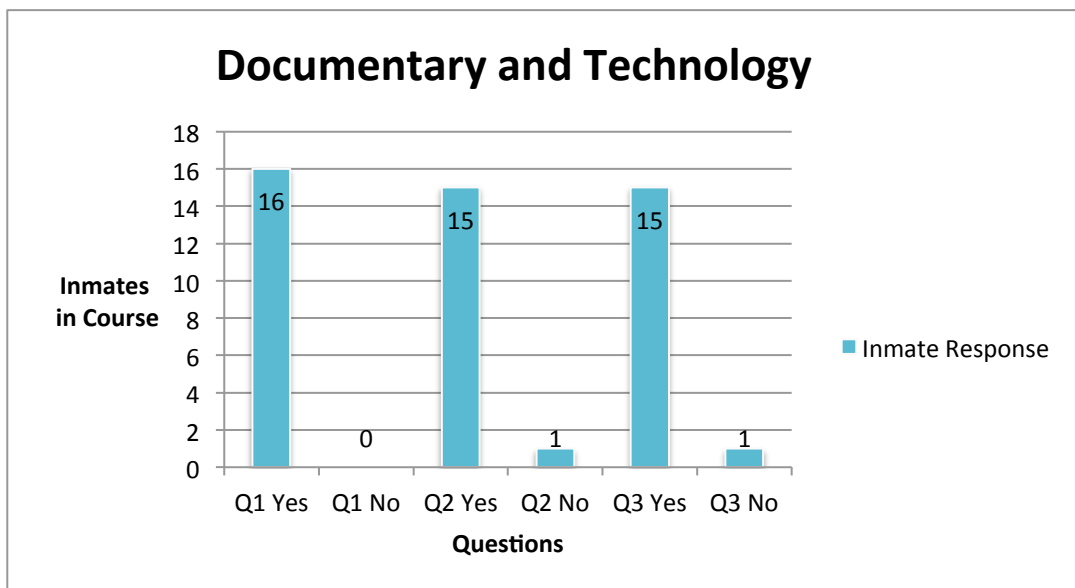
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## PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT: DOCUMENTARY AND TECHNOLOGY COURSE--CRC

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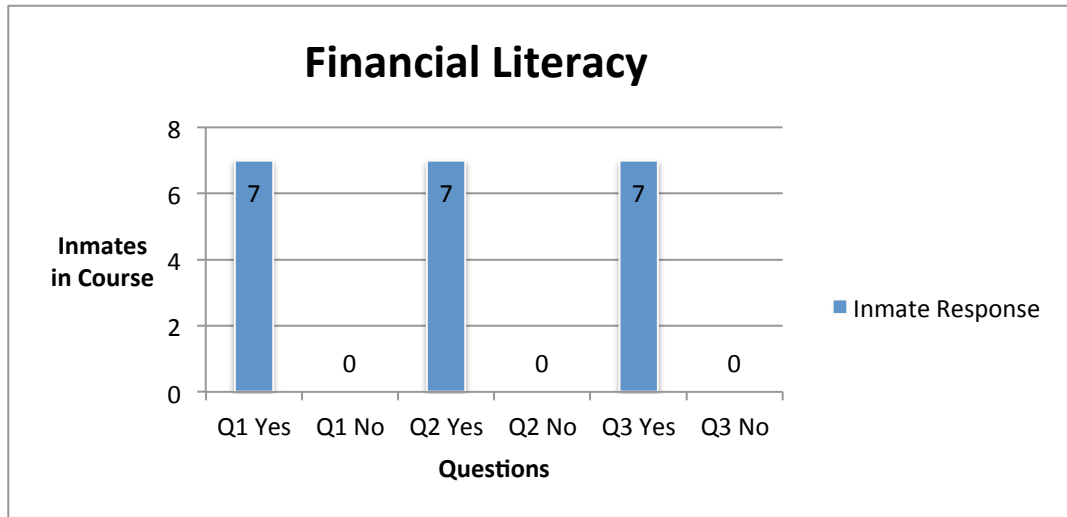
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## PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT: FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE--CRC

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- 3) Will you be able to use this information that you learned in this course when you are paroled?

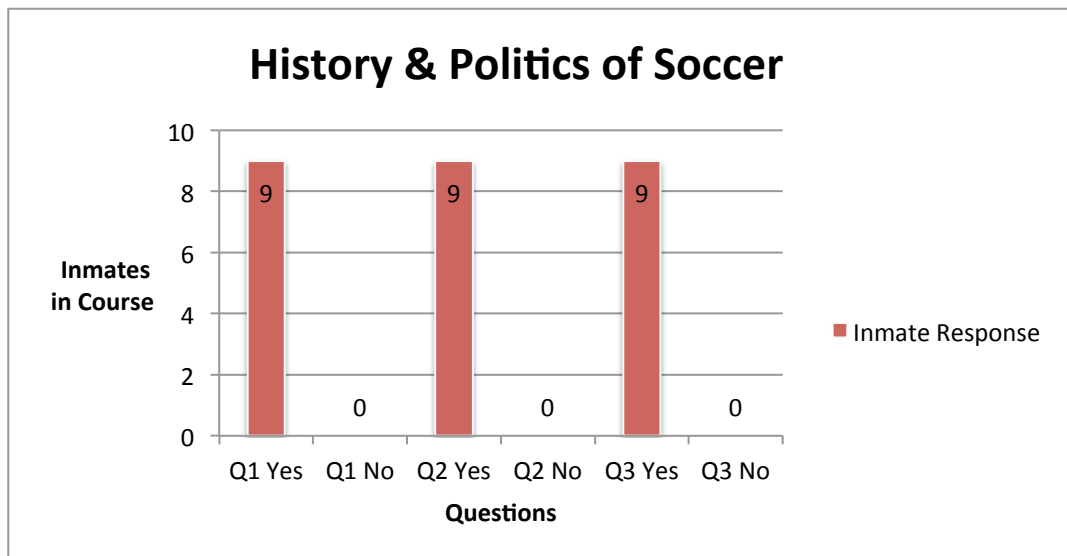
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## PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT: HISTORY & POLITICS OF SOCCER COURSE--CRC

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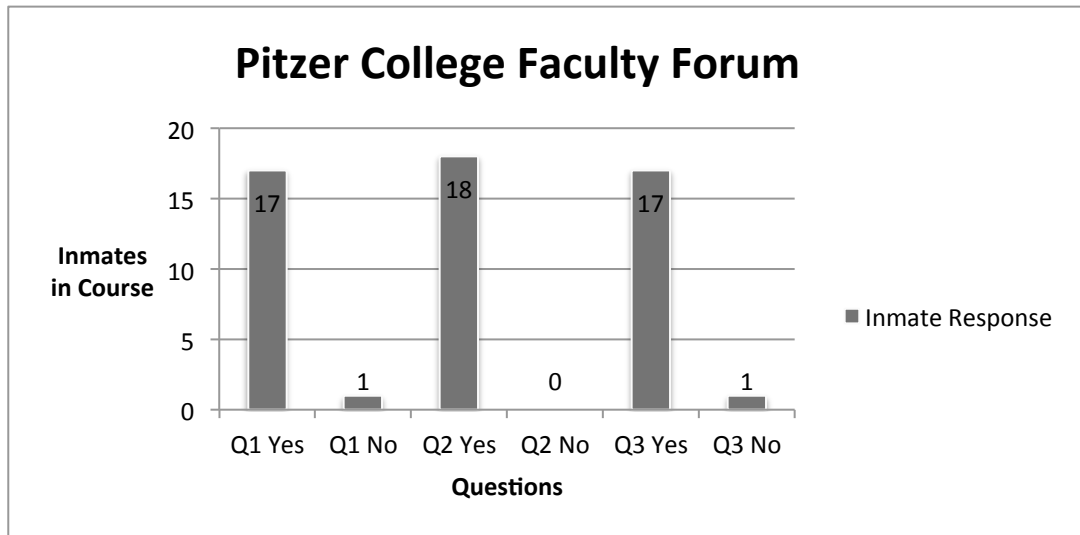
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## PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT: PITZER COLLEGE FACULTY FORUM--CRC

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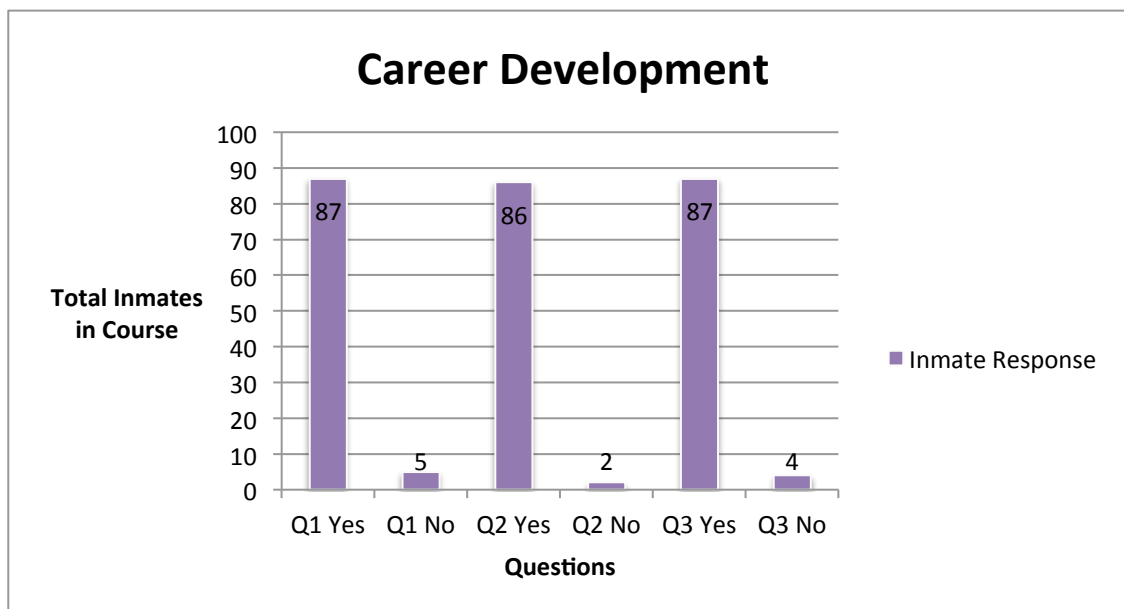
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## PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT: CAREER DEVELOPMENT MODULE--CRC

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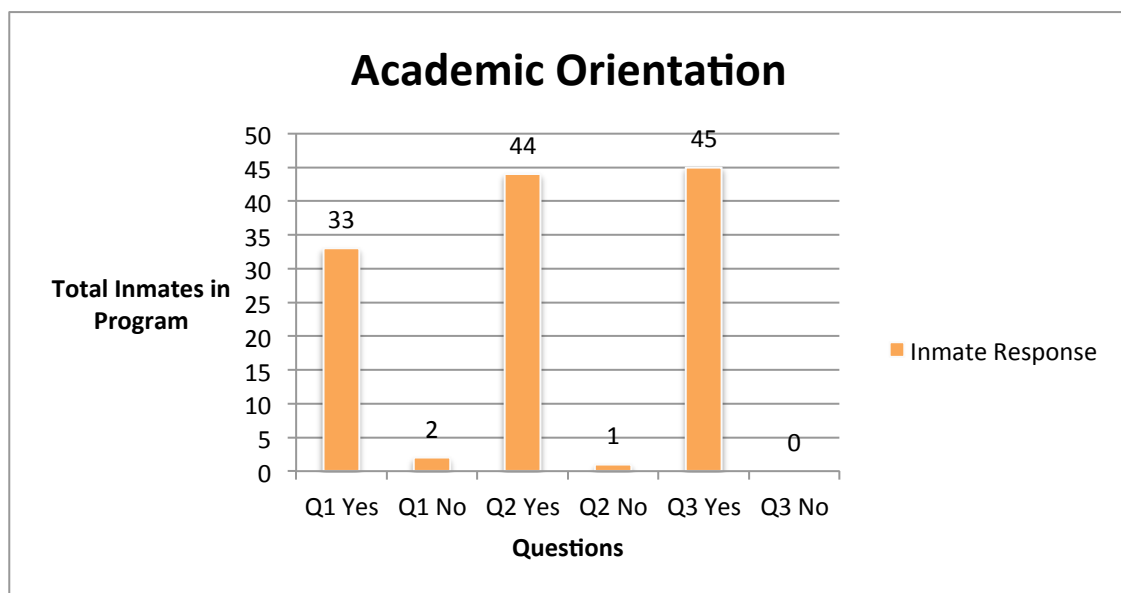
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## PRISON EDUCATION PROJECT: ACADEMIC ORIENTATION MODULE

- 1) Did this course increase your interest in the subject matter?
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- 3) Will you be able to use this information that you learned in this course when you are paroled?

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## Inmate-Student Narrative Assessments

### Philosophy Course

This course has truly changed my thinking habits to have more of an open mind, to listen, and weigh out all options. Also, it has helped me realize that philosophy is in everything. Thank you all for sharing with us all that you have.

This course has opened up my thoughts to new ideas and ways to think about problems, business solutions and ways to deal with other people. Even though I am 60 years old, I feel like a young student open and ready to attack a career. Thank you so much!

I really appreciate the program and the discussions. It is rare here to do anything of quality, especially a subject that is not part of this life. The student teachers were awesome, well prepared, and knowledgeable. We also welcome being treated like humans which in this process doesn't happen often. Thank you so much.

### Art Course

Amazing, I learned how to paint and it gave me a different outlook on life.

Doing this kind of art helped me a lot to be more creative and gave me a lot motivation to go on.

It is very helpful and gives me something positive to do with my time that's constructive.

### **Pre-GED Tutoring**

I think that by receiving the tutoring given to me. I can successfully pass my GED now. I use to have problems with math but now I breeze through it.

My thoughts on this matter are by far good- It is a good program for students to obtain their GED. It helps students get a better understanding on what they are learning.

It has given me confidence to move forward in my studies. Thank You!

### **Pre-GED Tutoring for Spanish Speakers**

Para mi acido una nueva experiencia e aprendizaje mas de lo que espere. Creo que es un buen programa muchas gracias por pensar en nosotros. Estoy muy agradecido con ustedes y su programa. Que dios los bendiga siempre.

Primeramente, Gracias por dedicar su tiempo para ayudarnos a aprender Ingles. Me gusto mucho las classes que nosdieron. Gracias por su ayuda!

Me gusto mucho estas classes porque quiero aprender mucho mas ingles de lo adecuado. Gracias!

### **Business 101**

I really think this is a great class. It educates you in the basics of starting your own business. For this class has really inspired me to look into starting my own business when I get out. Great class!

This course was very informative and gave me many tools to take with me upon my parole to assist me in starting my own business and being a productive member of society. Thank You for your time and your hospitality. I hope you return soon!

### **Documentary and Technology Course**

I thought this class was motivating to live life the "good way." We surround ourselves with what we aspire to be and for me. I loved surrounding myself with these type of people. It's also a change of paradigm.

It was very motivational, informative and thought provoking!

It was the closest experience I have had in my year here of being with honest, thinking humans. Our brains become "mush" in this prison environment. Too much TV, people talking endlessly about nothing, etc. Thank you for coming!

### **Career Development**

I really am thankful for the time and dedication the volunteers showed and did for this class. It was really helpful and resourceful for me.

The course was very helpful as the discussions helped me to see a few options for education and financial aid I was not aware of. The instructors were very helpful!

I really enjoyed learning new ways of learning how to better myself and finding out about myself and getting tools for my future.



## **Academic Orientation**

This orientation has inspired me to further my education. Before this class, I found myself not really knowing what I wanted to do with my life as far education goes. In a sense, this course has given me the courage and motivation to take charge of my life and become something I can be proud of such as an educated person with the tools I need for success.

Academic Orientation has inspired me to go forward with the career plans that I have. I have learned a lot of important info that I have wanted to know. I like to thank all volunteers for coming to teach us!

I was very enlightened by the people who came to speak about their experience!

## **Financial Literacy**

This course was a very interesting course and I look forward to using the information and tools in my life in here and out there in society. And, I recommend that you bring this course back.

The different outlook on how to deal with life situations when it comes to finances is very interesting and exciting!

## **History and Politics of Soccer**

This class gave me more reasons to love the game of soccer!

En lo personal me quita el estree, me mantiene saludable y me ralaciona con las personas.  
Gracias!

I enjoyed the interactions with the people from the outside!

It was extremely exciting! I enjoyed it a lot!

## **Pitzer College Faculty Forum**

I can't describe how great these session were! Thank You!

I am excited that professors want to come to our facility and talk to us! They are truly inspiring and it is evident how much they love what they do. Thank You!

I got to see professors at their best, doing what they love and it was truly inspiring to be in this Pitzer Faculty Forum. They inspired this class to achieve our dreams in higher education. Thank you immensely!

I actually learned new ways to look at life. I was inspired to study biology and the study of science. Thank You!